National Capital Territory of Delhi to improve the existing bus service :—

1. Unified Time table for DTC and operation of DTC and private buses in the ratio of 40 : 60;

2. Imparting compulsory training refresher courses/proficiency test for all the drivers of public service buses;

3. All the bus operators have been directed to instal speed governors at a maximum speed of 40 KM per hour and the erring operators are prosecuted for violation of this permit condition;

4. State Transport Authority takes action against the permit holders for violation of permit conditions under section 86 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. So far, 180 permits have been suspended/cancelled on account of involvement of such buses in fatal/non-fatal accidents;

5. Procurement of radars to check over speeding by the buses, prosecution of buses crossing maximum speed limit.

6. The Govt. of Delhi has initiated steps to implement Integrated Multi Model Trams Rapid Transport System for Delhi.

**Claims before Motor Accident Claims Tribunal**

2473. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Motor Accident Claims Tribunals in Delhi have not been working for quite sometime;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to make them function without further delay, if not the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of cases pending in each of these Tribunals and since when and the steps taken to liquidate these cases without delay; and

(d) to which year does the oldest case relate to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The number of cases pending in each Tribunals as on 31st October, 94 are as under :

| Sl. No. | Name of Court | Total pending cases |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | MACT (North Zone) . | 3451 |
| 2. | MACT (Central Zone) | 1883 |
| 3. | MACT (West Zone) . . | 3762 |
| 4. | MACT (New Delhi Zone) . | 1741 |
| 5. | MACT (South Zone) . . | 4582 |
| 6. | MACT (East Zone) . . | 2257 |

In order to reduce the pendency of these cases without delay, the Judges of MACT are persuaded during the meetings periodically convened by Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Transport), Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, to dispose of cases expeditiously.

(d) the oldest case relate to the year 1978.

**Declaration of National Highways in Maharashtra**

2474. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Maharashtra Government to declare the (i) Ratnagiri-Solapur-Nagpur (831 Kms.) and (ii) Coastal Highway (667 Kms.), State Highways, as National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central Government had assured to fulfil the demand during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, what decision has since been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGADISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d) The Government of Maharashtra have forwarded proposals for certain roads being declared as new National Highways in the 8th Five Year Plan which incidentally cover the roads in question. However, on account of meagre allocation earmarked under the Central Sector Roads Programme in the current Plan, it is difficult to declare new National Highways at present.

**ADB's Assistance for Four-laning of National Highway No. 8**

2475. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN :

SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Gujarat Government had sent any proposal for Asian Development Bank assistance for the costruction